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HEAD SLIDERS MADE FROM SILICON SUBSTRATES WITH SiO₂

OVERCOATS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Examiner George:

In response to the Office Action dated 9/13/2005, Applicant submits the following remarks and amendments, currently due on a statutory period for response expiring on 12/13/2005. It is believed that no extension of time is necessary.

The Examiner has stated, on the Office Action Summary that claims 1-20 are pending, and claims 1-20 are rejected. This response is organized as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.